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Boarders living on the edge

Snowboarders from all over the world converged on Canada Olympic Park this week for the Burton Canadian Open, which runs through Saturday with men's and women's slope-style action capping off the event.

Fight for bytes isn't over yet

CRTC reviewing plan for usage-based Internet billing {page 11}

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Tunnel doubts remain

Total cost estimate for the airport tunnel is $295 million Council will debate the options on Monday

While Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the funding set aside for the airport tunnel won't impact existing projects, some of his colleagues remain unconvinced.

Nenshi said the decision to build the tunnel is a no-brainer since the other options will cost more, according to a report from administration.

But Ald. Gord Lowe said funding the tunnel will "hamstring" council's future.

"I'm bitterly disappointed with the report," said Lowe. "It doesn't adequately answer the questions that were put forward and the questions that were never answered, which caused the previous council to reject this project three times."

Ald. Dale Hodges said he's still looking for answers and fears the tunnel could mean the end of certain projects.

"It not only restricts council flexibility in the future, it may demise some projects out there," he said.

Nenshi acknowledged the project could limit future endeavours, but he said the city has a priority to address now.

"It's true that it would restrict our flexibility if nothing else changes to manage future infrastructure demands, because we are sucking up a lot of the money," he said. "Rather than set money aside for vague, unspecified future priorities, we have a priority today."

He said there could be a potential impact on future ring-road connectors, but he doesn't anticipate this being a problem.

"Given the timelines on the future ring road, I'm not particularly concerned that this will defer that stuff greatly."

KATIE TURNER

The numbers

- According to administration's report, the cost of not building the tunnel and improving surrounding roadways instead is between $325 million and $425 million.
- Boring under a live runway at a later date could run upwards of $1.5 billion.
- The actual cost of the tunnel is $222.6 million, but administration has included a 30 per cent contingency cost for interest, insurance and negotiations with the Calgary Airport Authority.

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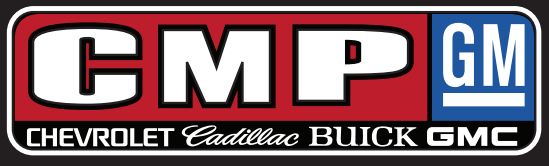

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Calgary Zoo highlights plight of tigers

The Calgary Zoo was busy raising awareness about a near-extinct species Thursday.

A total of 350 Siberian tiger masks were handed out to guests — the exact number of the animals believed to currently be living in the wild.

Throughout February and March, the zoo will keep the Siberian tigers' plight centre-stage with its Spotlight on Tigers initiative.

Poaching in the Koreas and China and habitat loss in Russia are fingered as two major reasons behind the species' dwindling population.

Increased programming and special events will be held at the zoo in the coming weeks. More information is available at calgaryzoo.com. METRO

Nenshi, Tsuu T'ina Nation talk ring road

The southwest ring road will be coming forward again with a public hearing set to occur in the coming weeks.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he doesn't agree with any of the five options presented in a recent Alberta Transportation study, which identifies the 37th Street/Weaselhead connector as the most favourable option.

Nenshi said he has been in discussions with the Tsuu T'ina Nation about several issues including the ring road and said he's developing a good relationship with Chief Sandford Bigplume.

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▶ Former finance minister Ted Morton, left, would prefer the Alberta Tories contest a leadership race sooner than the fall.

Critics pan Stelmach's September departure

- Outgoing premier plans to stay in office until September
- Wildrose, Alberta Party stand to gain ground, says analyst

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Criticism came fast and furious Thursday over Ed Stelmach's decision to stay on as Alberta premier until September, with even some of those in his own party taking shots.

Sam Armstrong, speaking on behalf of former finance minister Ted Morton, said holding off on a Tory leadership race until fall is "problematic" for whoever takes the party reins.

"It makes it very difficult for any planning for the fall (legislative) session," Armstrong said.

"Typically planning for a new budget begins in July. So, you can see that makes for a real difficulty."

After Stelmach announced he was stepping down Jan. 25, Morton was quick to resign his post as finance minister and throw his hat in the ring as the first candidate for leader.

MLA Doug Griffiths, who is also toying with a run for leader, said he is torn about the race timeline.

"Even if you wanted to make it shorter, I don't know, logistically, if you can," he added.

But political scientist Keith Brownsey called Stelmach's decision "ridiculous."

"His party will be in an awful lot of trouble," he said.

Political disarray

Premier Ed Stelmach announced Thursday the new legislative session will begin Feb. 22 and the provincial budget will be delivered two days later.

1. Alberta Party acting leader Sue Huff said her party is continuing with plans to elect a leader by the end of May.
2. The Alberta Liberals have not formally announced when their leadership race will begin after leader David Swann announced Tuesday he is stepping down.

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Visitor to burned house sues for $2M

A $2-million lawsuit has been launched over a 2009 Calgary basement fire that killed three people.

Tammy Adacsi is suing Akif and Bushra Amin, who own the property, basement tenants Jonathan St. Pierre and Tiffany Cox, who perished in the fire, and Robin Hannigan, who was living upstairs.

Adasci was visiting the house on the 500 block of 33 Street NW when fire broke out.

An investigation revealed that a space heater placed too close to a couch caused the blaze and that the basement suite's only smoke detector was not working.

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High fare in low places

- Charcut Roast House opened in early 2010
- They began serving the alley burger in the fall

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▶ Charcut sous chef Kris Schlotzhauer holds the back-door burger — whose patty is covered with cheese curds, by the way — that the cool kids are clamouring for on weekends.

Being handed a burger in a dark alley may not seem appetizing, but Calgarians are flocking to get this gourmet treat in a very un-gourmet setting.

The "alley burger" is an idea that came about when the four co-owners of Charcut restaurant decided they wanted to do something for Calgary foodies.

"We thought Calgary was kind of missing an underground food scene, I guess you could say, so we thought this up," said Connie DeSousa, chef and co-owner.

Hours before they open the backdoor, usually around 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, DeSousa said they send a message to the Charcut Facebook and Twitter fans.

"It was a little slow to start; people were a little freaked out by eating a burger in the alley. But it's just kind of blown out of proportion lately, and everyone wants to know what the alley burger is."

Kelsey Hipkin was one of those curious Calgarians who tried the alley burger for the first time last Thursday, when more than 50 people lined up.

"I was a little skeptical at first. I am a fan of street meat, but eating something from a back alley, even from a fancy restaurant, seemed a little sketchy," she said. "It was an incredible burger."

DeSousa said they may start selling the late-night burgers on weekdays but online fans of the restaurant will have to stay tuned.

"The best part is you can get an amazing burger for $5 — and you don't have to dress up to get it." KELSEY HIPKIN

Deep discount

- Charcut Roast House normally sells their burger to restaurant patrons for a minimum of $22.50.
- The alley burger is sold for $5 cash and cooked to order.
- The burger is composed of 70 per cent pork and 30 per cent lamb and beef.

Cops seize drugs, cash

Calgary police have seized crack-cocaine worth nearly $23,000, as well as marijuana, weapons and cash, following a two-day investigation.

Calgary resident The-Hai Ta, 22, and Phi-Long Ta, 24, face numerous charges in relation to the bust, including possession of a weapon and possession of crack-cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.

The confiscated drugs were discovered as the District 4 drug operations team executed search warrants on homes in the 100 block of Whiteview Place NE and the 100 block of Erin Meadows Close SE.

228 In all, police discovered more than 228 grams of crack-cocaine divided into hundreds of small packages.

Among other items found in the residences were stacks of $12,000 in Canadian currency and $480 in American currency, along with two machetes, a samurai sword, a baton and a baseball bat.

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Flood victims relocated

Nine families that were left homeless after a flood have been moved into temporary apartments.

Residents of a 40-unit apartment building were evacuated after a water-main break caused waist-high waters. METRO

Senior burned in kitchen fire

A 93-year-old living in a southwest care centre suffered first- and second-degree burns trying to douse a cooking fire on Wednesday.

The fire reportedly started after a pot of oil ignited, fire crews said. METRO

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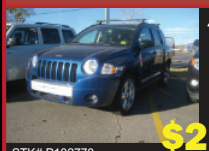

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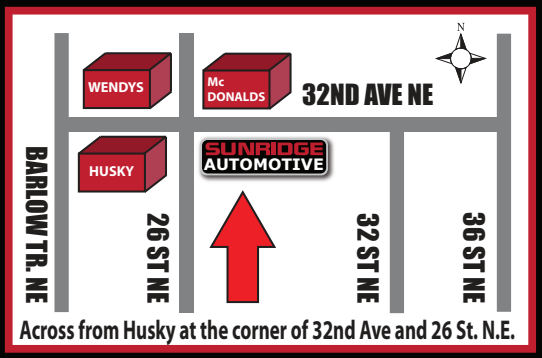

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WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND THIS EQUATION

Opinion

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If a day is an eternity in politics then the past week at the Alberta legislature requires a quantum physics degree to wrap your head around.

First Dave Taylor gives the Alberta Party their first MLA, then the premier announces he'll step down, then the finance minister quits 24 hours later, and finally this week the leader of the opposition does the same.

I may not have that quantum physics degree — and I doubt most of you do either — but that shouldn't stop us from trying to make sense of all of this and figure out what might happen this summer.

First, we now find ourselves with three of the five parties with sitting MLAs missing a leader. This is unprecedented uncertainty that opens up a lot of possibilities for a lot of people.

Alberta Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman has indicated she is being wooed to run for the leadership of both the Liberals and the Alberta Party. Rural MLA Doug Griffiths is receiving a push to run for the Progressive Conservatives as well as the Alberta Party too.

I'm confident they are not the only ones being pulled in two directions at the same time. With this kind of potential major player shakeup, my guess is the craziest things possible at the legislature haven't even happened yet.

So what is the craziest thing that could happen?

Ted Morton to this point is the only person to declare he is running for the leadership of the PCs. In 2006 when he ran he had the support of hundreds of people who are now members of the Wildrose Alliance — a group who know opportunity when it knocks. It is not outside the realm of possibility that Wildrose members could join the PC party again to "hedge their bets" by making sure Morton becomes leader. This is something that makes a lot of sense for them to do.

This would be the best possible news to Liberal, NDP and Alberta Party supporters. With Morton as leader, half the PC party membership would be without an ideological home — after all, they didn't vote for him the first time and they didn't join the Wildrose when were asked to. Without a home supporters would no doubt look to these parties (especially the more centrist Alberta Party) as their new banner.

Just like the Wildrose members joining the PC party, we could see other opposition party members join as well to also vote for Morton in the leadership race and thus destroy the 40-year-old party from within.

Without a strong Progressive Conservative party running in the next election you would be guaranteed to see some new blood and major change happening. Which as ever party knows, is exactly what the majority of voters are crying out for.

If this scenario ends up coming true, you read it here first. If it doesn't, well I did say it was "crazy." But as the past week has shown, Alberta politics does crazy very well.

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Man takes brazen stroll in birthday suit

The early morning crowd at Bankers Hall was left in awe Thursday morning as an unidentified male strolled through with his birthday suit in full view.

The man seemed quite content with his choice to leave all forms of clothing at home for the day, said witness Hanan Chebib, who noticed the man around 8:45 a.m. as she headed to a bank appointment on the second floor.

"He wasn't really a streaker, he wasn't really trying to get people's attention," said Chebib. "There were probably 100 people around, everybody was smiling."

A Calgary police spokesman said the male was apprehended in Gulf Canada Square a short time later and taken to hospital suffering from possible mental health issues.

Chebib said she didn't find the man's free spirit offensive at all, quite the opposite in fact.

"Running into random naked guy actually sparked my day," she said.

Uncle no pants

- Witnesses describe the naked stroller as being in his late 20s or early 30s with a slim build and curly dark hair.
- Photos providing proof of the man's excursion were circulating online Thursday.

JEREMY NOLAIS

News in brief

Stelmach to stay for spring

Premier Ed Stelmach says he is doing a favour to his potential successors by sticking around until September.

He caught many people by surprise last week when he announced he would leave politics after 25 years of public service.

Stelmach said after a speech in Calgary on Thursday that he plans to hand in his resignation letter when the spring session of the Alberta legislature ends.

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Cities to get private land

Alberta is handing over control of 34,000 hectares of private land that was seized because of unpaid taxes to municipalities.

Most of the land is south of Calgary and was being used for livestock grazing.

Mel Knight, minister of Sustainable Resource Development, said the transfer will allow communities to decide how to best use the land.

Knight says another 14,000 hectares of seized land that is environmentally significant will remain under provincial control. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Honouring Marshall's legacy

While no one has officially worn the jersey honouring fallen soldier Steven Marshall yet, one recognizable Calgary Flames alumni is definitely open to the idea.

Theoren Fleury said, if possible, he would proudly wear Marshall's stripes during a period at the upcoming Heritage Classic alumni game.

"I have so much respect for those guys and what they do every day," Fleury said. "We are so fortunate here because of them."

Murray Marshall said his son Steven's best friend will likely don the jersey first at an upcoming Flames game, but can think of no better Flames candidate than Fleury. "That would be awesome," he said. "(Steven) would be speechless ... you look at what Theo's been through — the man's been to hell and back."

Steven Marshall was killed by a homemade landmine while on foot patrol Oct. 30, 2009, in the Panjwaii district, 20 kilometres south of Kandahar City and was formally honoured at a Calgary Flames game in November 2009.

Flames president and CEO Ken King was in attendance for Steven's funeral.

Marshall's story was also featured on a Coach's Corner segment during CBC's Hockey Night in Canada.

JEREMY NOLAIS

Fallen troop as a life-long

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No matter where his duties as a soldier took him, Calgarian Steven Marshall's loyalty to the Calgary Flames never wavered — not even while stationed in Oilers territory at CFB Edmonton.

"They were his team, he was a born and raised Calgarian," his father Murray Marshall said.

After Steven was killed on duty in Afghanistan, Murray began searching for a fitting tribute to make others aware of his son's sacrifice.

Eventually, he decided to customize Steven's plain Flames jersey. Marshall was stitched on the back as well as the year he died. On the front, Murray opted for a yellow Support Our Troops ribbon and combat engineers badge to honour the regiment Steven served in.

"It's a chance for his family and the guys he served with to wear it and not only tell Steven's story but also tell their own stories," Murray said. "They're not just a name or a picture in the paper. They were kids that maybe you bumped into at the ball diamond, at the hockey rink, maybe you went to school with them."

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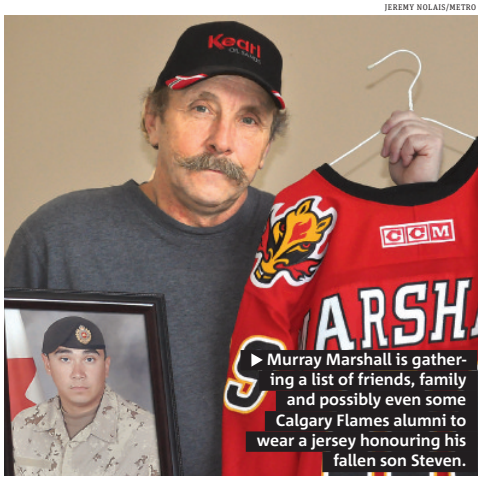

▶ Murray Marshall is gathering a list of friends, family and possibly even some Calgary Flames alumni to wear a jersey honouring his fallen son Steven.

News in brief

Man accused of breaking and entering

CHARGES. Mounties are accusing a 29-year-old man of committing a string of residential break and enters and other crimes in 35 separate communities in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Joseph Roy Herold is facing 26 charges and RCMP say additional charges are pending against the 29-year-old man.

Herold was arrested Dec. 13, and remains in custody after being denied bail. METRO

Fluoride on city council's agenda

COUNCIL. Fluoride is once again on city council's agenda for Monday but according to Mayor Naheed Nenshi it may be postponed. Following more than 10 hours of public hearings last month, a city committee recommended that council no longer fluoridate the water. The issue may be deferred however due to a lengthy agenda, which includes discussion of the airport tunnel. METRO

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Rocks fly in Cairo, journalists beaten

President says he wants to resign but fears chaos ◗ New looting, arson

Menacing gangs backing President Hosni Mubarak attacked journalists and human rights activists Thursday as Egypt's crisis took an ugly turn.

Protesters and regime supporters fought in a second day of rock-throwing battles at a central Cairo square while lawlessness spread around the city.

New looting and arson erupted.

Meanwhile, more trouble loomed as organizers called for protesters trying to topple the regime to fill every square in the huge capital on Friday.

The new vice-president, Omar Suleiman, fuelled anti-foreign sentiment by going on state television and blaming outsiders for fomenting unrest.

Mubarak himself said in an ABC television interview that he's fed up and wants to resign. But he said he can't for fear the country will sink into chaos.

He said he's unhappy about the two days of clashes in central Tahrir Square.

"I do not want to see Egyptians fighting each other," said Mubarak, 82.

Pro-government mobs beat foreign journalists with sticks and fists. The Committee to Protect Journalists said 24 reporters were detained in 24 hours, among them representatives of The Washington Post and The New York Times. Twenty-one journalists were assaulted, including two with Fox News. One Greek journalist was stabbed in the leg with a screwdriver, and a photographer was punched in the face, his equipment smashed.

The Arabic news network Al-Arabiya pleaded for the army to protect its journalists, and Al-Jazeera said four of its correspondents were attacked.

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▶ Anti-government protesters hurl rocks during clashes in Cairo on Thursday.

Yemen cities erupt with protests

Tens of thousands of protesters staged unprecedented demonstrations on Thursday against Yemen's autocratic president, a key U.S. ally in battling Islamic militants.

Protesters rallied in seven towns and cities across Yemen, with chants of "Down, down, down with the regime!" and banners calling on the president to resign now.

In the capital city of Sanaa, several thousand government supporters held a counter-rally, carrying banners warning the opposition is trying to destabilize Yemen.

Military helicopters hovered in some areas, and there was a heavy security presence around the Interior Ministry and the Central Bank.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in office for three decades, said on Wednesday that he would not seek re-election in 2013. But opposition groups say they are suspicious of his offer and demand that he step down.

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Slaughtered sled dogs called old, sick

The man at the centre of a slaughter of up to 100 sled dogs says half the animals put down were old, sick or "not adoptable."

Robert Fawcett and the company that bought his business, Outdoor Adventures, issued a statement in an effort to answer some of the questions hanging over the case that has grabbed headlines around the world.

The statement said Fawcett told Outdoor Adventures he estimated about 50 dogs would have to be killed.

"These dogs live to run and were not able to do so and would have had to be kept in cages with the result that they would have had very poor or virtually no quality of life," the statement by Outdoor Adventures said.

It's alleged the animals were dumped in a mass grave after business collapsed following the 2010 Winter Olympics.

WorkSafe BC documents indicate the dogs were shot and others had their throats slit.

Both the RCMP and the SPCA have been investigating.

A worker has been awarded compensation related to post-traumatic stress from the incident.

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▶ A sled dog rests after an Outdoor Adventures tour near Whistler, B.C.

Answers?

- Robert Fawcett was the general manager of Howling Dog Tours. Outdoor Adventures has said it took over Howling Dog Tours last May, the month after the dogs were killed.
- WorkSafe BC documents suggest Howling Dog had 300 dogs and there was pressure to get rid of a third of them.

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▶ Konrad von Finckenstein arrives at Parliament Thursday to discuss the CRTC's controversial ruling on Internet billing.

Battle looms over Internet billing practices

CRTC stalls on usage-based billing, as Ottawa vows to overrule Looking for new approach: Tony Clement

The CRTC will delay implementing its ruling on usage-based Internet billing while it reviews the decision.

Commission Chairman Konrad von Finckenstein told a House of Commons committee on Thursday that the introduction of usage-based billing will be delayed for at least 60 days beyond the proposed March 1 start date. This will give the regulator time to review the decision.

The move to allow major Internet service providers to change how they charge for data was made with the best interests of consumers in mind, he said.

But the decision produced much public complaint and the Harper government has been asking the commission to reconsider.

Industry Minister Tony Clement has said the government was ready to step in if the commission refused to take another look at the issue, and has been using Twitter to spread the word.

Von Finckenstein told the committee he had not had contact with Clement, and that the CRTC decided on its own to delay implementation of its ruling.

Von Finckenstein said the review will seek to verify that the decision protects customers and penalizes only the minority of people who are heavy consumers of Internet services.

"We are convinced that Internet services are no different than other public utilities and the vast majority of Internet users should not be asked to subsidize a small minority of heavy users," he told the committee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Immigration consultants under the miscroscope

The embattled organization that oversees immigration consultants is going on the offensive.

The self-regulating Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants has long been attacked for not having enough accountability, and turning a blind eye to unscrupulous consultants who make victims of hapless newcomers to Canada.

Now proposed legislation that makes the society reapply for its position as a professional body is about to go through the Senate.

The society is competing against other groups for the right to regulate anyone besides lawyers who receives a fee for offering immigration advice. The proposed legislation takes aim at so-called "ghost" consultants who charge newcomers large fees and make promises but often fail to deliver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man goes on hunger strike

A Quebec man is so eager to see Premier Jean Charest step down that he's taking an exceptional step to try making it happen: he's going on a hunger strike.

Pablo Lugo Herrera has been hoping there might be a public inquiry into allegations of rampant corruption in the province's construction industry. The premier has refused to call an inquiry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Carry-on rules eased

Canada now in line with U.S., European standards for packed baggage Goal is to 'reduce hassles'

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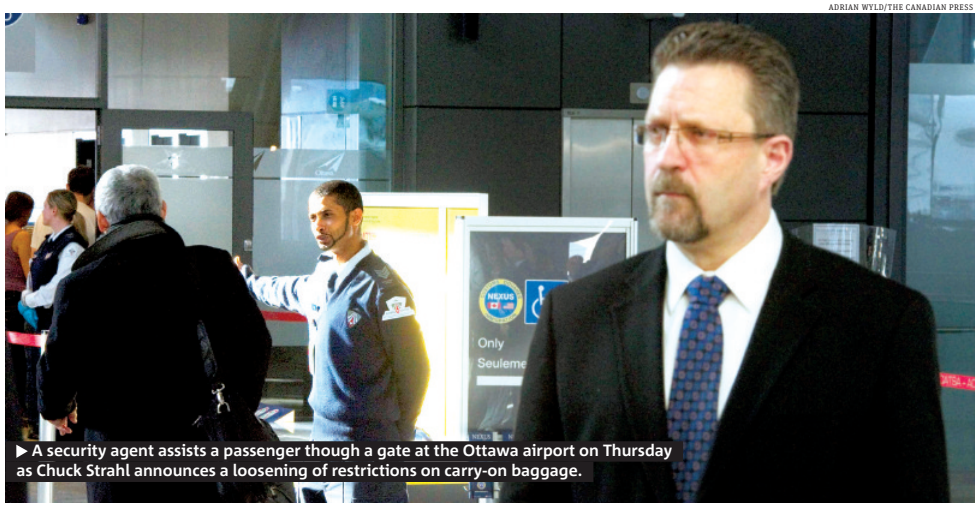

▶ A security agent assists a passenger though a gate at the Ottawa airport on Thursday as Chuck Strahl announces a loosening of restrictions on carry-on baggage.

Small scissors and tools, such as eyeglass screwdrivers, are now permitted aboard planes, while restrictions on liquids, gels and aerosols remain the same.

There's a six-centimetre limit for these tools, excluding the handle. Knives of any length, including Swiss Army multi-tools, are still banned.

The changes announced Thursday are part of an effort to reduce hassles at airports, Transport Minister Chuck Strahl said at a news conference at Ottawa's Macdonald-Cartier airport. Other changes are in the works to speed up security screening.

"There will also be new dedicated lanes for families and those with special needs, with equipment specifically designed for bigger items like strollers," Strahl said.

"We believe these initiatives achieve the best balance of aviation safety and security, and passenger convenience."
CHUCK STRAHL, TRANSPORT MINISTER

There will also be new lines for frequent travellers preapproved under the Nexus card program.

The idea is to ensure security while increasing convenience for travellers, he said, noting that he recognizes the frustration generated by air security measures: "It's a process that's more tolerated than enjoyed."

The Transport Department noted in a news release that manicure scissors and miniature screwdrivers pose little threat in an era of reinforced cockpit doors and other routine security measures.

Other items still not permitted in checked baggage include firearms, box cutters or heavy tools, golf clubs, toys resembling weapons and lighters.

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Bag and baggage

Regulations on carry-on items have shifted in response to attempts by terrorists to circumvent airport security. For example, Ottawa last fall banned the carrying of large cartridges of copier toner after an attempt was made to down a cargo plane with explosives packed into such a container. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Rescue workers are seen after a blast in the collapsed two storeys of a factory in Ankara, Turkey, Thursday.

12 killed in Turkish building explosions

Two separate explosions in an industrial district of the Turkish capital killed at least 12 people on Thursday and injured dozens of others, authorities said.

A powerful explosion collapsed two storeys of a factory, leaving at least six people dead and injuring 34 others, Interior Minister Besir Atalay said.

Hours later, another explosion shook a paint workshop in the same industrial zone, killing six more people, said Ankara's Mayor Melih Gokcek.

The cause of the explosions was under investigation. Gokcek, however, told CNN-Turk television that the factory blast was likely sparked by oxygen tanks.

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Cyclone terrorizes Australia

- Hundreds of houses destroyed
- Drenched mattresses, twisted metal roofs strewn across lawns

First came the terrifying roar, then a violent bang like something had exploded.

"We gotta go!" David Leger screamed to his father as one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in Australia tore the roof off their home, sucking the air up and out of the room like a vacuum.

Leger and his parents scrambled down the staircase, but the house shook violently, sending 83-year-old Francis Leger tumbling down the stairs.

The family finally made it to a small room on the ground floor, where they rode out the ferocious storm that slammed into the already flood-ravaged Queensland state on Thursday.

"We're just thankful," David Leger said later as he slogged across the drenched carpet of their ruined home, water pooling around his sandalled feet. "This is only material."

Residents and officials were amazed and relieved that no one was reported killed by the monstrous Cyclone Yasi, which roared across northern Queensland with winds up to 280 km/h.

Tidal surges sent waves crashing ashore two blocks into seaside communities, several small towns directly under Yasi's eye were devastated, and hundreds of millions of dollars of banana and sugarcane crops were shredded.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said several thousand people would be temporarily homeless, and Red Cross Australia and local governments were registering people in need and finding places to house them.

It will take days to make a proper assessment of the damage, and fatalities could yet emerge.

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▶ A woman walks with her grandchildren past roofing material strewn on the street in Tully, Australia, Thursday.

Poison plot targeted cook: Crown

Former nanny pleads guilty to spiking food for sex-shop queen
Court hears of hatred towards cook

A former nanny employed by the owner of a chain of British sex shops has admitted to spiking her boss's soup with windshield-washer fluid.

Allison Cox pleaded guilty Thursday to one charge of administering poison to Jacqueline Gold "with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy." The Crown dropped two other charges of attempted poisoning with sugar and salt.

The hearing was the first time the Crown revealed a motive for the poisoning last October. Prosecutor Rachel Davies said Cox, 33, tampered with the food in an attempt to get the household's chef in trouble.

The plot unravelled after Gold criticized the cook about the odd-tasting food. The chef grew suspicious and removed the leftover broth from the garbage to investigate.

Cox will be sentenced March 4. She is free on bail.

Gold is one of Britain's richest women, with a fortune estimated at $290 million.

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"The nanny had 'some animosity ... towards the cook. She put (the poison) into the food to cause the cook to be questioned about it.'" RACHEL DAVIES, PROSECUTOR

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▶ Allison Cox arrives at Guildford court in southern England last month.

Heat wave. Flower power

▶ A Kew diploma student puts the finishing touches on displays for the Tropical Extravaganza at Kew Gardens.

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A breath of tropical air

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Judge's son arrested in casino chip police sting

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The son of a Las Vegas judge faces felony charges in a brazen casino robbery in which a helmeted bandit brandished a gun at a craps table, grabbed $1.5 million in casino chips and sped off on a motorcycle.

Anthony M. Carleo, also known as Anthony M. Assad, 29, was arrested after allegedly trying to sell high-value chips to undercover police. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports that he is the son of Las Vegas municipal court judge George Assad.

The robbery took place Dec. 14 at the Bellagio resort. Security-camera video of the heist was widely shown on the Internet.

Casino security experts said the thief's choice of booty was foolish, since casinos track chips, especially high-dollar chips. In December, Bellagio announced it was discontinuing its $25,000 chip and gamblers had until April 22 to redeem them.

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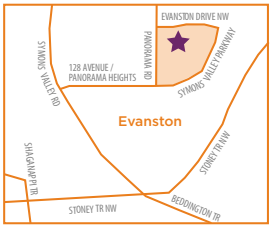

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Ford recalls 280,000 U.S. trucks

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Ford Motor Co. is recalling about 280,000 F-150 pickup trucks in the U.S. to fix a problem with the interior door handles that could lead to the doors opening in a crash.

Ford Motor Co.says it is recalling F-150s from the 2009 and 2010 model years built from Jan. 18, 2008, through Nov. 30, 2009.

The company says there have been no crashes tied to the problem.

The government says if the truck was struck on the side, the door latch could open.

The recall is expected to begin around Feb. 14.

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Apple calls app inapt

Sony e-book reader program rejected ◗ Apple wants in-app purchase option

Apple Inc. has rejected Sony Corp.'s e-book reader app for the iPhone because it doesn't give people the choice to buy books without leaving the app for a website.

The high-profile rejection shows Apple tightening control both over the way apps work and the way money flows through them.

Apple keeps a close eye on the iPhone and iPad programs that outside developers submit for distribution in the iTunes store. Sony's Reader for iPhone app would have sent people to a website once they were ready to buy a book.

Apple's insistence on an in-app purchase option can be seen as its way of ensuring that people using its gadgets get a familiar experience every time they make a purchase through an app. But such a move would prove less lucrative for companies such as Sony, because Apple takes a 30 per cent cut of revenue from in-app purchases.

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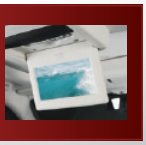

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▶ The first couple of Monster Jam, Kathy Wills and Ged Barcroft.

5 MINUTES WITH: Monster TRUCK COUPLE

In 2001, Ged Barcroft sold his house to pay for his first truck. Ged and his wife, Kathy Wills, met on the monster truck circuit and are the only monster truck couple in Canada. The two drivers will be in their home province this weekend for Monster Jam at Rexall Place in Edmonton.

What is it about monster trucks and the sport that made you want to be involved?
Kathy: People ask me that and it's such a hard question to answer because it's nothing like I could ever explain to anybody. There are so many aspects that are fabulous that you could never explain unless you're in the position yourself.
Ged: I just got out of the army, I'd been in the army for 16 years and I was a heavy-duty mechanic so they (the trucks) did appeal to me. When I went to a show, obviously my first ever show because I'm from England, I thought, you know what? That's for me. And everybody said that I couldn't do it and I just did. I went out and I got my stuff and I set myself up and away I went.
Kathy, what's it like to be the only female monster truck driver in Canada?
I am treated no different and I wouldn't want it any other way. I try to use it to my advantage with things like breast cancer (Kathy has dedicated her truck to breast cancer), and relating to the female fans. They feel like they can be a little more part of the show because there's a girl up there that they can root for if they want.
What's it like to work alongside your spouse?
Kathy: Awesome. We're very lucky in the fact that not only do we live together, we work together. We work in an environment that is so stressful sometimes. You're at your most stressful point and we can still get along. I don't know what we'll actually do when we live a "normal life" (laughs) and not have our monster trucks in our lives anymore, if that will actually happen.
Ged: It's pretty amazing. She understands everything. She knows more than most fellows I've met. She built her own 4x4 truck. She's the people person, so that's always nice. I'm still quite shy so it's nice to just kick her out and get her to go talk to people (laughs).

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Super party ingredients

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What are your critical ingredients for a good Super Bowl party?

@ren_thompson: a case of Molson Canadian, heaping platters of wings, chips, dips, nachos and Alka-Seltzer.

@dubstf: a handful of feminist scholars, vegan bean dip, gluten-free nachos, a glass of organic vino + an Ashley Simpson halftime show.

@zalinther: Super Bowl = beer, beer, beer. Oh, did I mention BEER??

@kofi604: critical ingredients for a super bowl party is ... beer, nachos, friends, hot wings, more beer!!!!!! And ur team winning!

@runthewrldonmac: #Super Bowl. A great party has lots of air freshener.

@fercarneiro: Beer and a pre-Super Bowl game of football in the snow with your buddies. And beer.

@miroslavglavic: Wings, beer and popcorn.

We asked: In honour of Groundhog Day, what's your favourite Bill Murray movie?

TORONTO. I think Groundhog Day narrowly edges out Ghostbusters. It was nice to see that Bill was capable of playing a romantic lead. SCOTT GREGORY

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Metro Minute at snowboard event

The top snowboarders from around the world will be putting it all on the line at Canada Olympic Park this weekend.

The third annual Burton Canadian Open has kicked off, but some of the biggest events are yet to come Friday and Saturday.

Friday will see the slopestyle semifinals get started at 10 a.m. and run through until after 3 p.m. That will be followed by the halfpipe finals at 7 p.m.

The slopestyle athletes will return Saturday for their final runs at 11 a.m.

The event is free for spectators and there will be a food and beverage tent on-site. For more information, visit opensnowboarding.com. METRO

Three days to play

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Michael Beier
CALGARY
It's nice to see some change. I've been kind of disappointed with the way Stelmach has been running things and I feel he's kind of been a pushover.

Sandy Fitzpatrick
CALGARY
It doesn't seem like anything works so, restructure or not, just try it I guess and see if it works.

▶ Rhys Wakefield, left, and Richard Roxburgh are shown in a scene from Sanctum, which opens today.

Reel Guys

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This is no Avatar

Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the Cameron-produced Sanctum
No-name actors don't deliver in the poorly-written film – but it is in 3-D

Richard Crouse: Mark, the early part of the year is supposed to be the worst movie going season, but so far it hasn't been so bad. But Sanctum is my first seatbelt movie of the year; a film so awful I thought I might need a seatbelt to keep me in my chair for the whole thing.

Mark Breslin: Oh, yeah? I'm a claustrophobe AND have a fear of water. Plus, I'm allergic to bad writing. So I squirmed through this as well. But let me say something good about the movie: the 3-D not only was technically superb, it enhanced the plot, what little there was. You must admit, it put you in the middle of the adventure.

RC: If you're allergic to bad writing then stay away. The dialogue is so wooden I swear I saw woodpeckers circling the theatre. I'll admit the 3-D was OK, and some of the pictures were beautiful, but I couldn't help but think it wasn't enough to keep me interested. Don't you think, with some editing, it could have made a better National Geographic cave documentary than an adventure movie?

MB: Definitely. And one of the "characters" even references National Geographic! But then we wouldn't be treated to the stellar "acting" of the no-name cast. Richard, do you mean you weren't moved to tears by the way the son learns to love his irascible but courageous dad? Why, I haven't seen that in a movie in ... weeks!

RC: The father and son dynamic doesn't ring true, but then again, very little in this movie does. Scenes that should be tension-filled are just tedious and how is it that someone, who we're told has "broken every bone in their body," is able to tightly grab the first character that walks by? Am I being too picky?

MB: No, but the scene does illustrate the limitations of a safety helmet. The scene that offended me was the climactic one between father and son, because it had already been done with other characters earlier on. What could have been moving — even shocking — was banal. I should have stayed home and watched The Hole again.

RC: My advice is to stay home and watch anything else. Watch paint dry ... the acting is better. And a further word of advice: Don't be fooled by James Cameron's name in the credits. Sanctum is no Avatar.

Plot synopsis

▶ In this James Cameron-produced 3-D underground extravaganza, a group of underwater cave divers explore a cave system in Papua New Guinea. The dangerous mission becomes even more life-threatening when a sudden storm floods the system. The only way out is a dangerous route downward toward the ocean. The question is: How many will survive?

▶ **Ratings:**
Richard's: No globes
Mark's: 🌐

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Big money

Thanks to the titanic grosses from his 3-D smash Avatar, director James Cameron was Hollywood's top money-earner in 2010, according to Vanity Fair. The Kapuskasing, Ont.-born filmmaker raked in an estimated $257 million to land atop the magazine's list. The 56-year-old earned $253 million in revenue from Avatar (which excludes the $50 million he earned from the film in 2009) and $4 million for his older films. Johnny Depp was next, followed by Steven Spielberg, Christopher Nolan and Leonardo DiCaprio.
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Gnomeward bound

McAvoy stars as a lawn ornament in animated film Gnomeo and Juliet

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James McAvoy is gearing up for a busy 2011 as he finishes up filming X-Men: First Class, in which he stars as mutant leader Charles Xavier.

But first, he's finding love on the wrong side of the fence, lending his voice to the romantic lead in the animated Gnomeo and Juliet, with its soundtrack of Elton John classics.

McAvoy sat down with Metro to talk about voiceover work, joining the X-Men and where Elton John truly belongs.

This is your first animated film?

Yeah. I did a puppet film a long time ago, but that was really just voicing over the work of a lot of Danish actors. Actually it's been really rewarding, artistically speaking. You get to go in and give it everything. And they don't ever really tell you no, and they never tell you whether it's bad or good. Well, they do say it's great a lot, but you kind of go, "You say, 'It's great' to everything. I'm not sure it can be true because I was pretty crummy in that last one."

Why do gnomes love Elton John music so much?

Well, I think his natural place is in the garden. It's a little-known fact about Elton John, but I think he's a very green-fingered gentleman. And maybe that's why. I thought we were going to have Crocodile Rock in the movie. I didn't think we were going to get anything else, so when I saw the film about a week and a half ago, I was really surprised to see that the entire musical concept for the film was taken from his back catalogue — and some new stuff as well.

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▶ A scene from the film Gnomeo and Juliet.

You've got quite a supporting cast in this.

I think my favourite, I have to say, is Hulk Hogan. Having Hulk Hogan is hysterical. That's the moment that I laughed more than anything else. Ozzy Osbourne was fantastic. Michael Caine, Dame Maggie Smith — and Jason Statham! Oh my God, the Transporter! I actually raced the Transporter. Come on! Yeah, he doesn't mess with me, man. He knows where to draw the line. He knows he's punching above his weight.

How is X-Men: First Class going?

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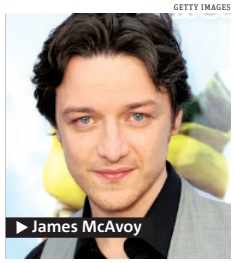

▶ James McAvoy

Really good. We've got about another two weeks filming here, and then I think we're done. And like all movies, it's a slog. We're just working 24-7. It's big. It's a big, big, big production. It's kind of nice to be on those things.

Are you prepared for the attention you'll get as part of a comic book franchise?

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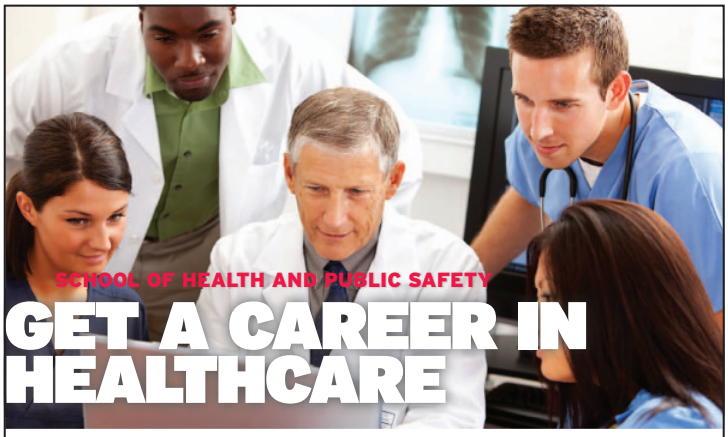

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Backstage with Bieber

What's Bieber really like? This multi-millionaire pop superstar loves his fans, misses Tim Hortons

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Justin Bieber and Usher in Bieber's new movie Never Say Never.

Each time I interview someone really famous the questions start. How's Gwyneth's skin? How tall is Brad Pitt? I've even been asked what George Clooney smells like.

But since I hosted a press event with Justin Bieber to publicize his new movie Never Say Never on Tuesday in Toronto, the question that everyone has asked is much more basic: What's he like?

I won't presume to be able to answer that question after only spending 30 or so minutes with the pop prodigy, but I have a few observations based on our short time together.

Firstly, he's a high-energy kid. Backstage he was a bundle of energy. When he wasn't tweeting or sharing funny YouTube videos with his stylist Ryan, he was chatting and joking around.

"I hope you're a good translator," he joked as we walked to the stage. "Because I'm going to do the whole interview in Spanish." Then he burst into song. "Feliz Navidad..."

Onstage, he showed another aspect of his personality. Less than two years ago he was playing to 40 fans at a water park in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Now he can sell out Madison Square Gardens in 22 minutes. But he hasn't forgotten the people who got him there — his fans.

"Where are my fans at?" he asked. "There's a lot of fans [outside]. Can we bring those fans in? I love you guys with the cameras and stuff, but what's the point if my fans aren't here?"

Also, he's as humble as a pop superstar can be. When I asked him when he first felt famous, he said: "I still don't really notice it. I'm still just a regular teenage boy, living his dream and having a lot of fun." Later I asked about household chores. "I do clean my room, especially when I'm home at my grandma's house."

Lastly, I learned he's still a proud Canadian, with a taste for a particular icy cocktail not served in his new hometown of Atlanta, Georgia. "I miss Tim Hortons," he said. "I miss Timmy's! I miss my Ice Cap."

So what's Justin Bieber really like? Well, he's just like any other high-energy, fan-lovin' Canadian multi-millionaire 16-year-old pop superstar with a taste for chilled coffee.

Movie reviews

Birdwatchers
Director: Marco Bechis
Stars: Ambrosio Vilhava
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In the powerful drama Birdwatchers, a dispossessed tribe of Brazilian Guarani-Kaiowa Indians struggle between tradition and modern life when they attempt to reclaim ancestral land by squatting on a wealthy farmer's field. Virtually made without a script and starring first-time actors, Birdwatchers begins unsettled but ultimately delivers an unnerving look at the reality of an endangered culture, in spite of some slightly clichéd subplots.

STEVE GOW

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▶ Jennifer Aniston stars alongside Adam Sandler in the new comedy Just Go With It.

‘Are you dating ... ?’ ‘No, mom’

Aniston’s family still hasn’t learned to deal with constant tabloid speculation

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Jennifer Aniston is no stranger to fame, but there are still some aspects she hasn’t gotten used to.

For instance, walking a red carpet still produces butterflies in her stomach.

“It’s a fun excitement,” she says.

“It’s sort of like going on stage, you know? It’s butterflies, it’s nerves, it keeps it new. Hopefully that fear will never go away.”

One thing she would like to go away, of course, would be all the tabloid speculation about her personal life — though that will probably outlast her pre-carpet jitters.

Still, Aniston has learned how to weather the gossip storms, even if her family hasn’t.

“If I don’t know that it’s there, I’m just living my life, having fun doing my thing,” she says.

“The only way I’m really privy to it is when I have to field questions from my family members, because, for some reason, they still believe it’s true.”

And given how often she’s on supermarket newsstands, that means a lot of concerned phonecalls.

“You stay as far away from it as possible and just try to deal with the emails and phone calls from your mother, saying, ‘Are you adopting?’” Aniston says with an exasperated laugh.

“‘Are you dating somebody?’ ‘No, mom.’ ‘Well, Aunt Jean thinks…’ ‘No.’ ‘Are you getting married at Oprah’s? An $8 million wedding?’ ‘No. I told you, don’t believe it.’”

Aniston would much rather people focus on her work, like her latest comedy, Just Go With It, in which she stars as the best friend and assistant to a plastic surgeon (Adam Sandler) who goes along with a harebrained scheme to pose as his soon-to-be ex-wife to assuage a new girlfriend’s fears that he’s not a philanderer.

The movie takes a few jabs at plastic surgery enthusiasts early on — and even features a quick cameo by Heidi Montag — but it also gave Aniston a chance to think about the practice and its implications.

“I think there’s an extreme pressure on women and men to just stay young,” she says.

“And the unfortunate thing is a lot of women who go too far end up looking a hell of a lot older than they actually are. It sort of has the reverse effect. So ... talk to me in 10 years.”

Thanks to a much more A-list cameo, Aniston gets to spend a good amount of time in Just Go With It with Nicole Kidman, who pops up as her old sorority sister and nemesis.

But it wasn’t Aniston’s first exposure to Kidman.

“I had met her before and she was immediately disarming, so I knew how great of a girl she was,” Aniston says.

“I knew how funny she was. She pretty much can do anything.”

But there was one thing Kidman couldn’t do, it turns out: truly embody a mean girl.

“Nicole was so sweet. She would always feel really bad after she had to do something a little snarky to me,” Aniston remembers.

“We’d cut and she’d just come over and be like, ‘I’m so sorry.’ It’s so sweet.”

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White Stripes

- **Meg and Jack White call it quits after 13 years**
- **Metro music reporter Pat Healy remembers the first time he saw them, 10 years ago**

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In an announcement on their website on Wednesday, the White Stripes let the world know that they are breaking up.

It is interesting how it has almost been a full decade since I first became aware of Meg and Jack White's band. In 2001, my friend and I had a fledgling record label and we wanted to scout out the SXSW conference in Austin, Texas, to see if it would be feasible to get the bands on our roster to play there. Granted, 2001 was the year that Napster pretty much put a thumbtack in our tires before we even got rolling, so the label fizzled out within a few years.

But while we were there I had the opportunity to take in some great acts, including the White Stripes.

I have often bragged that I saw them play at a cookout. That is true, but I don't always disclose that the yard was packed, because it usually elicits more of the desired, "Whaaaa?!!!" if it sounds like a more intimate affair. Anyway, we were right in front because we had heard a lot of buzz about this duo.

Dressed in what would come to be their trademark red getups, Jack stepped up to the mic as twilight was setting in and said, "This is my sister, Meg" about the cute girl behind the drum kit that he had actually once been married to. Nobody had any idea at the time that it was just a gimmick.

What I remember most fondly from the evening was their take on Dolly Parton's Jolene and You're Pretty Good Looking, which is on YouTube if you search for "White Stripes — You're Pretty Good Looking — 2001/03/01."

As Meg and Jack said, the White Stipes belong to me now and I can do with it whatever I want. What I want to do is remember them like they are in that video: intense, rockin' and even a little bit cute in a gimmicky way. Rock on, White Stripes.

COMPLETELY USELESS, BUT FASCINATING

Sound Check

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In addition to writing this column every Friday, I also have to write six long-form radio programs, 10 short-form radio features and a couple of dozen blog entries. That works out to about 20,000 words a week or the equivalent of a complete novel every five weeks. In the course of the ongoing research, I run across some amazing but utterly useless information. Here are a dozen of my favourites.

1. William Willet, the man responsible for pushing the U.K. and the British Empire into adopting daylight saving time, is the great-great-grandfather of Coldplay singer Chris Martin.

2. In 2002, some well-funded but obviously very bored Austrian psychologists determined that cats tend to prefer music with deep bass and fast beats like heavy electronic music or house. They also hate guitar solos and songs with lots of high frequencies.

3. The first intentional use of the f-word in a song can be found in CIA Man by the Fugs from 1965.

4. When Apple constructed an iPod prototype in 2001, the first track engineers ripped from CD and transferred to the device was Groove Jet by an Italian DJ who goes by the name Spiller.

5. While a vinyl album sounds as good as a 7-inch single, audio quality on an LP degrades slightly as the needle moves toward the centre.

6. Jack White was headed to a seminary to study to become a priest when he discovered he couldn't bring his guitar amp. So he dropped out.

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7. The first video ever shown on MTV was Video Killed the Radio Star. The second was You'd Better Run by Pat Benetar.

8. The album with the longest title in history is a 2007 release by a Belgian outfit called Soulwax. It's 103 words long, beating out Fiona Apple's old record of 90 words.

9. Most standard toilets flush in the key of E-flat. I have no idea who felt the need to figure this out.

10. Leo Fender, the guy who invented and marketed both the iconic Stratocaster and Telecaster guitars, couldn't play the guitar himself.

11. According to people who have researched sales data, the best-selling musical instrument in history is the harmonica.

12. James Lilja, the original drummer for the Offspring, left the band in 1987 and went on to become a successful gynecologist.

There. Don't you feel smarter?

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▶ Jack and Meg White

Cold War Kids get serious

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▶ Cold War Kids, from left, Matt Maust, Matt Aveiro, Nathan Willett and Jonnie Russell.

The four guys in Cold War Kids came to a decision a few years back: It's time to go all in or get out.

The Long Beach, Calif., rockers had carved out a nice little niche over their first two albums using a do-it-yourself, punk-rock attitude to earn a fervent fan base and some buzz in the wider music community. But after their last album disappointed them in some ways, they realized it was time to stop treating the band like a hobby.

"We don't want to lose the vibe we have, but we need to blossom and branch out or we're pretty much going to be putting out the same record, you know, like a lot of bands do," bassist Matt Maust said. "There's nothing wrong with that, but we don't want to do that. I love a lot of bands for that, but we don't want to be one of those bands right now."

In interviews during a stop at Jack White's Third Man Records in Nashville and by phone, Maust and lead singer Nathan Willett painted the picture of a band that found itself at an existential crossroads as it prepared for its third album, Mine is Yours, out last week.

Their previous album, 2008's dark Loyalty to Loyalty, sold more copies than the band's shiny 2006 breakthrough, Robbers and Cowards, but it wasn't met with the same kind of fervour.

What the band had at that point was fun. But it just didn't feel important. Or permanent.

In some ways, the process that produced the band's latest album, Mine Is Yours, shows the Kids have grown up and realized they could have a future in music, not just a youthful dalliance that peters out over time. Maust and Willett have both edged into their 30s and Willett and guitarist Jonnie Russell have started families.

Willett remembers shrugging his way through interviews for "Loyalty." He'd grown up on a steady diet of bands like Fugazi and the "screw you" attitude of the Southern California, do-it-yourself punk and hardcore scenes, and affected a similarly "so what?" outlook when interviewers brought up silly things like expectations.

It just wasn't cool to want a ... career. Or was it?

"I realized I had huge desires and ambitions for our band, and I kind of acted like I hadn't before, so a lot of that is playing into this record," Willett said. "I think that this album, Mine is Yours — I hope that it opens a lot of doors for us, just in terms of more artists we can work with, more opportunities to record. I think it just showed us we are capable of a lot more."

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‘This guy is an actor?’

Bored to Death’s Jason Schwartzman talks TV, becoming a dad and wanting to be adopted by Ted Danson

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After making a name for himself in film, Jonathan Schwartzman has found a surprisingly comfortable home on TV in HBO’s Bored to Death, where he channels the shows creator, Jonathan Ames, to play a down-on-his-luck Brooklyn novelist who becomes an unlicensed private investigator.

How as it been coming back to Bored to Death for a second season?

Fun. I’ve worked with the same directors a couple of times, and I’ve sometimes worked with an actor who I’ve worked with before, but I’ve never worked playing the same character. And it’s a really great experience, personally, for someone like me. I get a little bit embarrassed sometimes, especially the first days of any job. It’s embarrassing to say your lines. I just think about the crew. Like, are the crew going, “This guy is an actor?” But the second season, the same crew, they have already seen you be terrible, so there’s really nothing to be afraid of anymore.

How much have your life and career changed since you’ve become a father?

Well, I’ve just become a father. I’m sure there are other people who have been fathers for longer that would know. I mean, it’s so cheesy to talk about. My wife and I, it’s just the two of us trying to make our child feel safe.

Working with co-stars like Ted Danson and Zach Galifianakis...as much fun as it sounds?

It is. Not to take your question and make it negative, but I have worked before on situations where it wasn’t fun. So to be able to work with Ted and Zach and have this experience where we’re all getting along so well, I’m so thankful for it. And they’re so up for trying things. Sometimes you can work with people who don’t want to keep doing another take. They’re just like, “Come on, we got it. I have a dinner reservation.” But Ted and Zach want to work, and they just want to keep going as long as we feel that we need to. Ted, by the way, I want him to legally become my actual father.

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▶ Bored to Death star Jason Schwartzman

Surprise!

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▶ Usher

A source requesting anonymity told The Associated Press on Wednesday that R&B star Usher and former Guns 'N Roses guitarist Slash are slated to make surprise appearances Sunday in the Super Bowl halftime show.

Usher and Slash are supposed to join the Black Eyed Peas, who are the main halftime act for Sunday’s NFL championship game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers at Cowboys Stadium.

The NFL said in November the Black Eyed Peas would be the featured Super Bowl halftime performer. Past halftime acts have included U2, the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band and The Who.

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No ordinary TV show

Michael Chiklis balances light and dark, switching from tough guy in The Shield to family man in No Ordinary

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Michael Chiklis is back on television screens with No Ordinary Family, starring as a father or two who, along with his wife and kids, develops superpowers after a freak accident. And after years on the gritty cable drama The Shield, Chiklis is happy to be on a show his kids can watch. "One of the big reasons for taking this job is, you know, my poor 11-year-old really doubted that I was even an actor," he says with a laugh.

But pleasing a broader audience has presented unexpected challenges. "Doing a show that is for a broad audience is the hardest thing I've ever attempted because, you know, we live in a time where everything is broken into a niche entertainment," he explains. "With The Shield, we were like, 'If you watch, fine.' But with this show, here's the challenge: You go too dark, you lose the family. You go too light, you lose the young men. You get adults eye-rolling and stuff like that. So then if you don't go too far in any directions, you just become nothing, mediocre."

Given the series' premise of a family of superheroes, Chiklis says there have been comparisons between the show and Pixar's animated film, The Incredibles, something the actor appreciates. But there are differences. "That's one less-than-two-hour movie. It took seven years to make," he says. "They could tweak every moment, every nuance, every flick of the eyebrow, everything in that movie, and it's an anime on top of it. They're not bound by gravity or anything else, and we are shooting a live version of it every nine working days."

No Ordinary Family's Autumn Reeser:

Reeser can relate to her Comic-Con attending character. "I have been to Comic Con. It was insane," she says. "My husband is into a lot of that, too, and we're both gamers. We walked around and checked out a bunch of stuff that we wanted to see, but it was definitely overwhelming for me. It was huge. Just being around like that many people was a lot, but the costumes were awesome."

TV picks

Fringe delivers some frights

SCI-FI. What better way to start your weekend than with the recently relocated to Fridays sci-fi puzzler Fringe? In tonight's episode, a scientist dies after ingesting a cloud of blue powder that disintegrates his bones, while a person from Walter's past reluctantly agrees to help with the investigation. (Friday: Citytv, Fox)

Rickety roofs revealed

INVESTIGATIVE. Tonight's instalment of Marketplace may well make homeowners hit the roof, as guest Mike Holmes probes the shady world of shoddy roofers. (Friday: CBC)

Sandy secrets uncovered

DOCUMENTARY. If you missed it during its first airing on Thursday, CBC NN is replaying a new episode of The Nature of Things that reveals how a new research project set off a tipping point for the Alberta oil sands. (Saturday)

Choose flicks over kicks

MOVIES. Not a football fan? Well, there are a couple cinematic gems on offer for those with no interest in the gridiron. CHCH has the 1997 Oscar-winning noir L.A. Confidential, while Vancouver's Seth Rogen puts in a star-making turn in the romantic comedy Knocked Up. (Sunday: ABC, A Channel)

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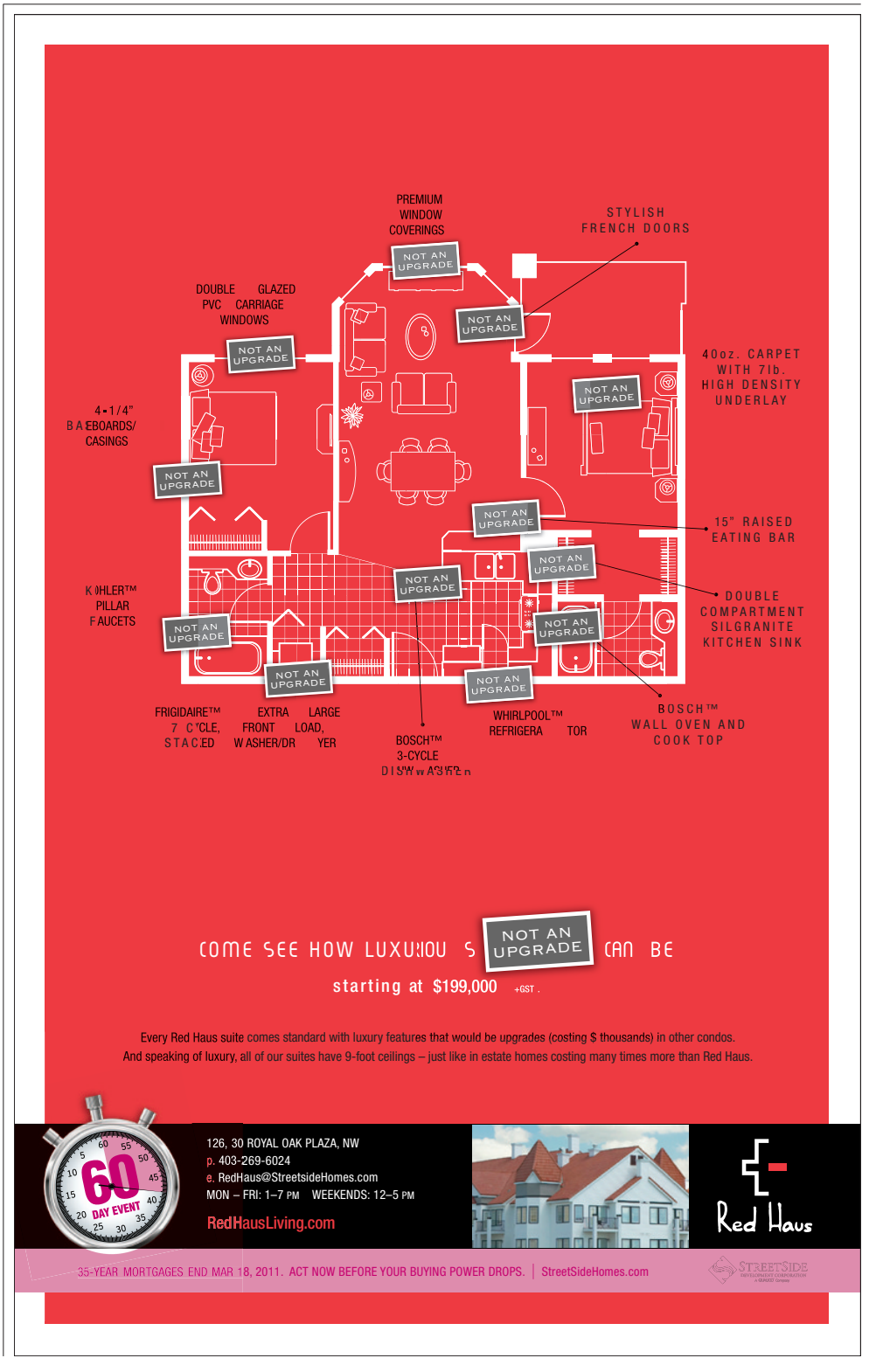

Kidman spilling on marriage

Admits that being a wife to Tom was more than she'd bargained for

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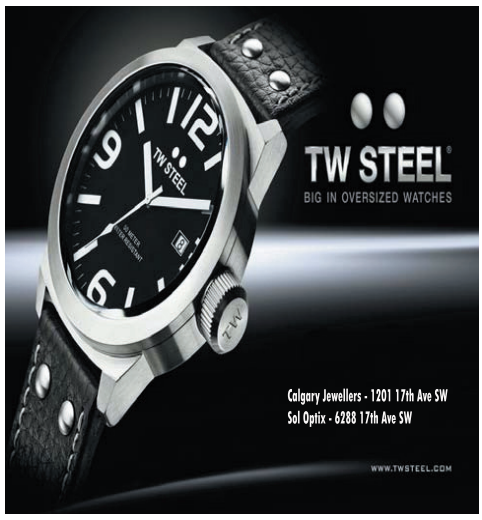
Nicole Kidman is opening up about her marriage to Tom Cruise and the state her split from her first husband left her in.

"I was really damaged and not sure whether (love and marriage) was ever going to happen again to me," she tells Marie Clare magazine. She admits that being Cruise's wife turned out to be more than she'd bargained for.

"I was never seeking to be a celebrity." METRO



Kate Moss getting hitched?

Kate Moss is reportedly engaged to marry

boyfriend Jamie Hince, according to the Sun.

"Kate is delighted. Jamie is the man for her," a source says. "They are soul mates. She just wanted to make him work for her hand in marriage. He has been badgering her to get married, but she wanted to take her time."

The couple plans to wed in July. Moss reportedly joked to friends that she will be the most famous Kate to get married in 2011, taking a swipe at Prince William's fiancée, Kate Middleton. METRO

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BARBIE IS STILL KEN'S DREAM GIRL

The gossip columns have been all aflutter for months with the news that Ken is doing everything he can to woo Barbie back into his life.

His latest stunt was a doozy. While Barbie dined atop the CN Tower with a girlfriend, Ken had an airplane fly by several times pulling a banner that read: 'Barbie, we were made for each other.'

Ken was spotted at the base of the tower looking hopeful. And, an unnamed source said Barbie's face lit up immediately and she couldn't stop smiling all night.

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Talking points

Britney denies using body double

PEOPLE Britney Spears has been accused of relying on a "dance double" for her new music video, something her reps are quick to refute.

"The accusations could not be further from the truth," her rep says in a statement to E! News.

"Britney worked extremely hard on this video and rehearsed for six weeks prior to shooting."

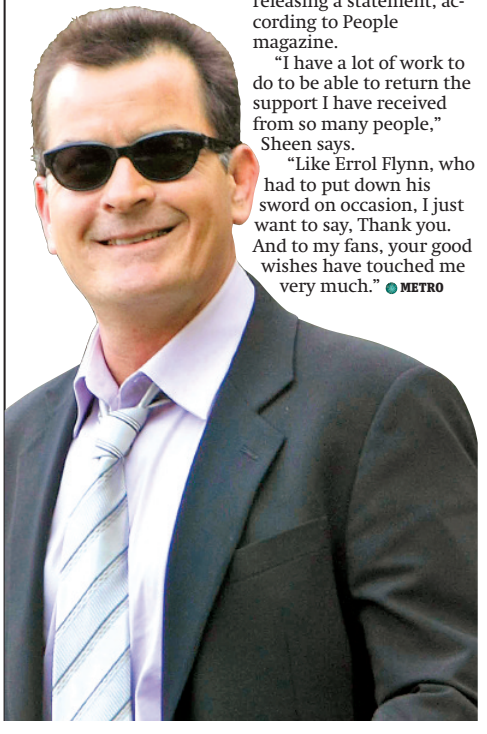
The clip's director, Jonas Akerland, even released a statement defending Spears, saying, "She's been great throughout the entire process." METRO

Johansson dines with Reynolds

PEOPLE Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds were spotted dining out in L.A. recently, but if Johansson's demeanor during dinner is any indication, they're not getting back together.

"She would at some points smile, then appear to fight back tears," a source tells Us Weekly.

"They have divorce details to work out, and they'd rather do it face-to-face than in some office." METRO



Charlie Sheen thanks fans for support

PEOPLE While receiving personalized rehab treatment, Charlie Sheen decided to show his gratitude to his supporters by releasing a statement, according to People magazine.

"I have a lot of work to do to be able to return the support I have received from so many people," Sheen says.

"Like Errol Flynn, who had to put down his sword on occasion, I just want to say, Thank you. And to my fans, your good wishes have touched me very much." METRO

Celebrity tweets

Carrie Fisher [@CarrieFFisher] no authority is higher than reality

Leonard Nimoy [@TheRealNimoy] Sorry for the East Coast under snow. I'm finishing a great vacation. Looking forward to doing some appearances.

Nick Frost [@nickjfrost] I'm awake! Couldn't sleep, had creepy nightmare with loads of glossy black spiders.

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman] Life is so short! I'm gonna watch every possible episode of Law&Order while I'm strong & healthy! METRO

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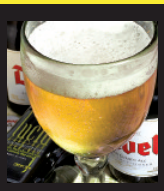
Beer Cocktails



"Beer as an ingredient can offer such a variety of flavours," says Jacob Grier, a drinks blogger.

Grier was introduced to the beer cocktail after seeing Canadian beer writer Stephen Beaumont concoct some.

When mixing beers with spirits, it's vital to look for harmony, like the fruitiness of rums and most IPAs, or the aromatics of some blond ales, says Beaumont.

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Game grub — with a twist

These aren't your tired Super Bowl snacks ◐ Upgrade your chips & dip

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▶ In two simple steps, you can serve fresh Guacamole Salsa Dip at your Super Bowl party.

Guacamole Salsa Dip

Fresh ripe avocados make a creamy dip that is perfect for dipping crunchy tortilla chips into. Need some added colour? Try veggies to dip alongside.

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe avocados
- ½ cup (125 mL) hummus
- ½ cup (125 mL) salsa
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lime juice
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) salt
- Chopped fresh coriander

Preparation:

1. In large bowl, using a potato masher, mash avocado until smooth. Stir in hummus, salsa, jalapeno, lime juice and salt. Sprinkle with coriander, if using.
2. Serve with tortilla chips or veggies

▶ This Chili Pizza combines everyone's favourite Super Bowl snacks into one.

Chili Pizza

I decided to take the two things most people like to eat while watching and enjoying the Super Bowl and combine them into one.

Preparation:

1. In a skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook onion and garlic for about 3 minutes or until softened. Add beef, chili powder, oregano and cumin and cook, breaking up meat until browned. Add tomatoes, red pepper, beans and salt and cook about 5 minutes. Set aside.
2. Roll out pizza dough to 14 inch (35 cm) circle and place on pizza pan. In a bowl, combine pizza sauce and cayenne. Spread over dough. Sprinkle with chili mix and cheese.
3. Bake in centre of 400 F (200 C) oven for about 25 minutes or until cheese is melted and crust is golden.

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Ingredients:

- 2 tsp (10 mL) canola oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 oz (250 g) ground beef
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chili powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano
- ½ tsp (2 mL) ground cumin
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) diced tomatoes, drained
- Half red pepper, diced
- 1 cup (250 mL) cooked canned drained and rinsed kidney beans
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 pkg (680 g) pizza dough
- ¾ cup (175 mL) pizza sauce
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 2 cups (500 mL) Tex mex/nacho flavoured shredded cheese mix

Battle of the brews

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I have a confession. This Super Bowl Sunday, I'll be drinking wine as I watch the big game. That makes me one of a small minority of fans because the day belongs to beer.

And why shouldn't it? With all due respect to the ladies, beer is a perfect companion for guy food.

Whether it be nachos smothered in cheese and sprinkled with jalapeño peppers, bowls of potato chips or greasy takeout pizza: The clean, thirst-quenching taste and refreshing effervesce of a good brew helps wash it all down better than any wine.

That said, though Pittsburgh and Green Bay may be fighting it out on the field, this Sunday is really a battle of the beers.

While Budweiser, Bud Light and Coors Light will spend millions on commercials — and no doubt be the guests of honour at most Super Bowl parties — there is so more to American suds.

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Flames bury the past in Atlanta

Move into a tie with Chicago and Los Angeles for final playoff spot

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Brendan Morrison figured the Calgary Flames were due for a win in their former home city of Atlanta.

Mikael Backlund scored with about six minutes remaining to give Calgary the lead as the Flames beat the Thrashers 4-2 on Thursday night for their first win in Atlanta.

Morrison, Mark Giordano and Curtis Glencross also scored as the Flames earned their sixth straight win, their longest streak in two years. Glencross scored an empty-net goal with six seconds remaining.

The Flames, who played in Atlanta as an expansion franchise from 1972 to '80, won in Atlanta for the first time in seven games since leaving the South.

"It figured that the law of averages said we were due," Morrison said.

Calgary was winless in Atlanta since the Thrashers joined the league in 1999. The Flames' only point in Atlanta before Thursday night was a 3-3 tie in 2001.

"I guess this was our lucky season," Flames forward Alex Tanguay said.

Bryan Little and Anthony Stewart scored for the struggling Thrashers, who have lost nine of 11 but remained one point ahead of Carolina in the race for the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 22 shots as the Flames move on to face Los Angeles on Saturday in a game with playoff implications.

"We have to keep this going," Giordano said. "There are some big conference games coming up. We're finding ways to win close games.

"We've been a good team all year. We feel like we have a strong team."

Backlund's go-ahead goal came as he shot through a crowd of players in front of goaltender Ondrej Pavelec after the Thrashers were unable to clear the puck.

"We had the puck three times and threw it right to them," Thrashers coach Craig Ramsay said.

The Thrashers have been outscored 15-5 in their past four games and have scored more than two goals only once in nine games.

"Earlier in the year we were winning those close games and finding a way to get that done and now we're finding a way to make that key turnover," Ramsay said. "But the effort was there. It was a much better effort."

Pavelec, who stopped 20 shots, said the Thrashers "had no luck."

"I don't know what to say," Pavelec said. "We should have won ... They got two lucky goals."

Calgary's previous six-game winning streak was Oct. 21-Nov. 1, 2008.

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▶ Tom Kostopoulos is checked by Thrashers defenceman Dustin Byfuglien Thursday night.

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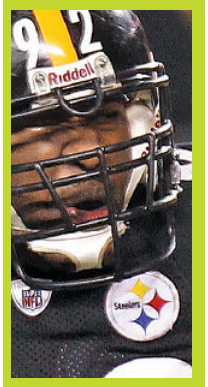

"You get to points where you just say, 'All right, yeah, this is what's on my mind and this is what I want to say.'"

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Steelers' grass slammed

The Pittsburgh Steelers have the worst grass field in the NFL, according to the latest survey by the players union.

The AFC champions ranked at the bottom when players were asked to evaluate the fields on a scale of three points for top choice, two for second and one for third.

Worst among the artificial turfs is the one at the Minnesota Vikings' Metrodome, which collapsed during a blizzard in December and forced two games to be moved.

University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals, has the best grass field, while the best artificial turf is in Indianapolis's Lucas Oil Stadium, site of next year's Super Bowl.

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How the two starting Super Bowl quarterbacks compare

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

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Regular-season stats:

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Average passing yards per game, for total of 3,200 yards.

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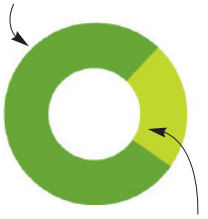

5 INTERCEPTIONS

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Yards per pass, third best in NFL.

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AARON RODGERS

Regular-season stats:

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Average passing yards per game, for total of 3,922 yards.

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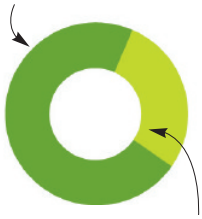

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Los Angeles	52	28	22	1	1	146	126	58	17-9-1-0	11-13-0-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Calgary	53	26	21	2	4	151	156	58	14-9-0-1	12-12-2-2	8-1-1-0	W6
Colorado	51	25	20	6	0	164	169	56	14-12-3-0	11-8-3-0	4-5-1-0	L2
St. Louis	49	22	20	3	4	130	146	51	15-8-1-2	7-12-2-2	2-7-1-0	L4
Columbus	50	23	22	3	2	134	159	51	12-12-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	L2
Edmonton	50	15	27	1	7	123	171	38	7-14-1-3	8-13-1-3	2-7-0-1	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 3 Carolina 0
Calgary 4 Atlanta 2
Boston 6 Dallas 3
Minnesota 4 Colorado 3
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Philadelphia 3 Nashville 2
Wednesday's results
Detroit 7 Ottawa 5
Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Islanders 0
Montreal 3 Florida 2
Vancouver 6 Phoenix 0
Los Angeles 3 Edmonton 1
San Jose 4 Anaheim 3
Tonight's games
(all times Eastern)
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
San Jose at Boston, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal, 3 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, HURRICANES 0

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Harrison Car (roughing) 3:45, Gleason Car, Rosehill Tor (fighting) 12:48.
Second Period
1. Toronto, MacArthur 16 (Kaberle, Kulemin) 7:28
2. Toronto, Boyce 3, 14:52
Penalties — Komisarek Tor (roughing) 9:27, Reimer Tor (hooking; served by Armstrong) 9:51, Carolina bench (too many men; served by Boychuk) 12:10, Phaneuf Tor (high-sticking) 16:43.
Third Period
3. Toronto, Versteeg 14 (Phaneuf, Armstrong) 6:25
Penalty — Ruutu Car (slashing) 10:50.
Shots on goal by

Carolina	6	9	12—27
Toronto	13	13	15—41

Goal — Carolina: Ward (L,22-17-5); Toronto: Reimer (W,5-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Carolina: 0-3; Toronto: 0-3.
Referees — Mike Leggo, Justin St. Pierre.
Linesmen — Mark Wheler, Rody Vaughan.
Attendance — 19,220 (18,819) at Toronto.

FLAMES 4, THRASHERS 2

First Period
1. Calgary, Giordano 5 (Regehr, Jokinen) 4:55
Penalties — Kane Atl (double high-sticking) 0:55, Sarich Cal (kneeing) 10:29.
Second Period
2. Atlanta, Little 14 (Bergfors, Kane) 0:58
3. Atlanta, Stewart 13 (Antropov, Kane) 11:14
4. Calgary, Morrison 9 (Giordano, Tanguay) 12:09
Penalties — Stapleton Atl (high-sticking) 8:25, Regehr Cal (tripping) 19:29.
Third Period
5. Calgary, Backlund 6, 14:03
6. Calgary, Glencross 13, 19:54 (en)
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	10	8	6—24
Atlanta	7	10	7—24

Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,22-18-2); Atlanta: Pavelec (L,17-14-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 0-3; Atlanta: 0-2.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Dave Jackson.
Linesmen — Don Henderson, Bryan Pancich.
Attendance — 12,984 (18,545) at Atlanta.

LATE WEDNESDAY

CANUCKS 6, COYOTES 0

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 13 (D.Sedin) 3:46
Penalties — None.
Second Period
2. Vancouver, Hansen 6 (L.Sweatt, Raymond) 1:38
3. Vancouver, Hodgson 1 (Tambellini, Hamhuis) 12:06
Penalties — Kesler Vcr (roughing) 16:20, Rozsival Phx (hooking) 19:25.
Third Period
4. Vancouver, Kesler 29 (Samuelsson) 6:41
5. Vancouver, Raymond 10 (Samuelsson) 11:37
6. Vancouver, Kesler 30, 17:32
Penalties — Yandle Phx (misconduct) 18:31, Glass Vcr (delay of game) 19:05.
Shots on goal by

Vancouver	8	13	12—33
Phoenix	9	8	6—23

Goal (shots-saved) — Vancouver: Luongo (W,24-8-7); Phoenix: Bryzgalov (L,19-14-6) (31-26), LaBarbera (11:37 third)(2-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-1; Phoenix: 0-2.
Referees — Bill McCreary, Francois St. Laurent.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Dan Schachte.
Attendance — 13,157 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

KINGS 3, OILERS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Williams LA (hooking) 6:29, Stoll LA (tripping) 11:58, Brown LA (slashing) 15:47.
Second Period
1. Edmonton, Paajarvi 7 (Gagner, Omark) 3:21
2. Los Angeles, Smyth 20 (Doughty, Johnson) 3:45 (pp)
3. Los Angeles, Smyth 21 (Doughty, Johnson) 9:47 (pp)
Penalties — Peckham Edm (delay of game) 0:39, Penner Edm (elbowing) 3:40, Peckham Edm (holding) 8:45, Mitchell LA (high-sticking) 10:13, Jones Edm (hooking) 17:40.
Third Period
4. Los Angeles, Johnson 5, 14:52
Missed penalty shot — Stoll LA, 4:13.
Penalties — Mitchell LA, Jacques Edm (roughing) 2:58, Doughty LA (tripping) 19:33.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	5	10	11—26
Edmonton	12	10	11—33

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,23-14-1); Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,8-23-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 2-4; Edmonton: 0-5.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	39	29	68
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	40	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
St. Louis, TB	20	42	62
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	51	62
B.Richards, Dal	21	38	59
Zetterberg, Det	16	40	56
Perry, Ana	25	28	53
E.Staal, Car	25	27	52
Eriksson, Dal	18	34	52
Ovechkin, Wash	19	32	51
Kesler, Vcr	30	20	50
Kopitar, LA	16	34	50
Giroux, Pha	19	30	49
M.Richards, Pha	17	31	48
Sharp, Chi	26	21	47
J.Carter, Pha	24	23	47
Iginla, Cal	22	25	47
Backstrom, Wash	12	34	46
J.Thornton, SJ	14	32	46
Ribeiro, Dal	10	36	46
Briere, Pha	26	19	45
Duchene, Col	20	25	45
Heatley, SJ	19	26	45

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	5	4	1	.800	62	50	—
Philadelphia	5	3	2	.600	46	45	1
Buffalo	4	2	2	.500	38	38	1½
Rochester	4	2	2	.500	38	48	1½
Boston	6	3	3	.500	55	46	1½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Minnesota	4	3	1	.750	46	37	—
Calgary	6	4	2	.667	71	69	—
Washington	5	2	3	.400	59	64	1½
Colorado	4	1	3	.250	39	41	2
Edmonton	5	0	5	.000	44	59	3½

Tonight's game
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Rochester, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.

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Yesterday's result
Bari 0 Inter Milan 3

CURLING

CANADIAN JR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Calgary
WOMEN

Province (Skip)	W	L
x-Alberta (Chyz)	11	1
x-Saskatchewan (T.Paulsen)	9	3
x-Manitoba (B.Meakin)	8	4
B.C. (Silvertson)	7	5
P.E.I. (Fullerton)	7	5
New Brunswick (Armstrong)	7	5
Northern Ont. (Johnston)	6	6
Yukon (Koltun)	6	6
Ontario (Grandy)	5	7
N.L. (Porter)	5	7
Nova Scotia (Doucet)	4	8
Quebec (Routledge)	3	9
NWT (Williams)	0	12

x — clinched playoff berth.
Yesterday's results
Draw 12
B.C. 9 Alberta 7
Manitoba 9 Yukon 4
Newfoundland & Labrador 15 NWT 1
Northern Ontario 6 Nova Scotia 5 (extra end)
Quebec 7 New Brunswick 6
Saskatchewan 8 Ontario 5
Draw 13
Alberta 9 Saskatchewan 3
New Brunswick 16 Northwest Territories 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 Northern Ontario 4
Manitoba 7 B.C. 3
P.E.I. 10 Nova Scotia 6
Yukon 7 Ontario 5
End of Round Robin
Today's games
No Games Scheduled.
Tomorrow's games
(all times Eastern)
At North Hill CC
Semifinal
Saskatchewan (T.Paulsen) vs. Manitoba (B.Meakin), 12:30 p.m.
Championship
Alberta (Chyz) vs. Semifinal Winner, 7:30 p.m.
MEN
Round Robin

Province (Skip)	W	L
x-Saskatchewan (Moskowy)	12	0
x-Ontario (Camm)	9	3
y-N.L. (C.Thomas)	8	4
y-New Brunswick (Rennie)	8	4
Nova Scotia (K.Thompson)	7	5
Alberta (Hodgson)	6	6
Manitoba (Good)	6	6
Northern Ont. (Johnston)	5	7
Yukon (T.Scoffin)	5	7
P.E.I. (Pitre)	4	8
NWT (C.Miller)	3	9
B.C. (Gardner)	3	9
Quebec (Bourget)	2	10

x — clinched playoff berth; **y** — play tiebreaker.
Yesterday's results
Draw 12
B.C. 6 Alberta 5 (extra end)
Manitoba 9 Yukon 4
New Brunswick 8 Quebec 7
Newfoundland & Labrador 10 NWT 4
Northern Ontario 11 Nova Scotia 10
Saskatchewan 9 Ontario 7
Draw 13
Manitoba 7 B.C. 4
New Brunswick 9 Northwest Territories 6
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 Northern Ontario 2
Nova Scotia 7 P.E.I 6
Ontario 7 Yukon 3
Saskatchewan 6 Alberta 2
End of Round Robin
Today's game
Tiebreaker
At Glencoe CC
New Brunswick (Rennie) vs. Newfoundland & Labrador (C.Thomas), 4 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
No Games Scheduled.
Sunday's games
(all times Eastern)
At North Hill CC
Semifinal
Ontario (Camm) vs. Tiebreaker winner, 12:30 p.m.
Championship
Saskatchewan (Moskowy) vs. Semifinal Winner, 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP SA OPEN

At Johannesburg, South Africa
Yesterday's results
Singles — Second Round
Kevin Anderson (4), South Africa, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-2, 6-4.
Adrian Mannarino (6), France, def. Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-4.
Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont., def. Fritz Wolmarans, South Africa, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Karol Beck, Slovakia, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
James Cerretani, U.S., and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.**, def. Tomasz Bednarek and Michal Przysiezny, Poland, 6-1, 6-3.

ATP PBZ ZAGREB INDOORS

At Zagreb, Croatia
Yesterday's results
Singles — Second Round
Ivan Ljubicic, (2), Croatia, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 6-2, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet (4), France, def. Arnaud Clement, France, walkover.
Alex Bogomolov, Jr., U.S., def. Philipp Petzschner (7), Germany, 6-1, 6-2.

GOLF

PGA PHOENIX OPEN

At Scottsdale, Ariz.
Par 71 (35-36)
Partial First Round
(play suspended due to darkness)

Tom Gillis	32-33—65
Bill Haas	31-34—65
Tom Lehman	34-31—65
Jason Bohn	33-32—65
Chris Couch	33-33—66
Ben Crane	33-33—66
Lucas Glover	33-33—66
Chris Riley	35-32—67
Jeff Overton	31-36—67
Joe Ogilvie	34-33—67
Phil Mickelson	33-34—67
Matt Bettencourt	34-33—67
Robert Allenby	35-33—68
Angel Cabrera	34-34—68
Chez Reavie	34-34—68
Jonathan Byrd	32-36—68
Brett Wetterich	33-35—68
Nathan Green	33-35—68
D.A. Points	35-33—68
Michael Connell	33-36—69
Y.E. Yang	33-36—69
Vijay Singh	34-35—69
Pat Perez	35-34—69
Brian Gay	34-35—69
Brandt Snedeker	34-35—69
Paul Goydos	34-35—69
Blake Adams	36-34—70
Rickie Fowler	33-37—70
Rory Sabbatini	38-32—70
Bubba Watson	33-37—70
Heath Slocum	34-36—70
Jhonattan Vegas	34-36—70
David Toms	35-35—70
Stephen Ames	**33-37—70**

WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Par 73
First Round — (a-amateur)

Jiyai Shin	33-34—67
Jennifer Song	33-34—67
Rebecca Coakley	34-34—68
Nikki Campbell	33-36—69
Anne-Lise Caudal	33-36—69
Ji Eun-Hee	34-35—69
Becky Morgan	35-34—69
Also	
Lorie Kane	**36-39—75**
Nancy Harvey	**40-39—79**

EUROPEAN PGA QATAR MASTERS

At Doha, Qatar
Par 72
First Round

Retief Goosen	34-35—69
Darren Fichardt	35-35—70
Robert Karlsson	34-36—70
Richard Finch	32-38—70
Markus Brier	34-37—71
Seve Benson	34-37—71
Thomas Aiken	35-36—71
Oliver Fisher	37-34—71

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	37	11	.771	—
d-Miami	35	14	.714	2½
d-Chicago	34	14	.708	3
Atlanta	31	18	.633	6½
Orlando	31	19	.620	7
New York	25	23	.521	12
Philadelphia	22	26	.458	15
Charlotte	21	27	.438	16
Indiana	19	27	.413	17
Milwaukee	19	28	.404	17½
Detroit	17	32	.347	20½
New Jersey	15	35	.300	23
Washington	13	35	.271	24
Toronto	13	37	.260	25
Cleveland	8	41	.163	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	40	8	.833	—
d-L.A. Lakers	34	15	.694	6½
Dallas	33	15	.688	7
d-Oklahoma City	31	17	.646	9
New Orleans	32	19	.627	9½
Denver	29	20	.592	11½
Utah	29	21	.580	12
Portland	26	23	.531	14½
Memphis	26	24	.520	15
Phoenix	23	24	.489	16½
Houston	23	28	.451	18½
Golden State	20	27	.426	19½
L.A. Clippers	19	29	.396	21
Sacramento	12	34	.261	27
Minnesota	11	37	.229	29

Last night's results
Miami 104 Orlando 100
Milwaukee at Golden State
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday's results
Atlanta 100 Toronto 87
Indiana 117 Cleveland 112
Philadelphia 106 New Jersey 92
Charlotte 97 Detroit 87
Dallas 113 New York 97
Memphis 102 Minnesota 84
Oklahoma City 104 New Orleans 93
Denver 109 Portland 90
Phoenix 92 Milwaukee 77
Houston 97 Utah 96
Chicago 106 L.A. Clippers 88
Tonight's games
(all times Eastern)
Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Boston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

NFL

SUPER BOWL XLV

Sunday's game
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.
RECENT SUPER BOWL RESULTS
2010—New Orleans (NFC) 31 Indianapolis (AFC) 17
2009—Pittsburgh (AFC) 27 Arizona (NFC) 23
2008—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 17 New England (AFC) 14
2007—Indianapolis (AFC) 29 Chicago (NFC) 17
2006—Pittsburgh (AFC) 21 Seattle (NFC) 10
2005—New England (AFC) 24 Philadelphia (NFC) 21
2004—New England (AFC) 32 Carolina (NFC) 29
2003—Tampa Bay (NFC) 48 Oakland (AFC) 21
2002—New England (AFC) 20 St. Louis (NFC) 17
2001—Baltimore (AFC) 34 N.Y. Giants (NFC) 7
2000—St. Louis (NFC) 23 Tennessee (AFC) 16
1999—Denver (AFC) 34 Atlanta (NFC) 19
1998—Denver (AFC) 31 Green Bay (NFC) 24
1997—Green Bay (NFC) 35 New England (AFC) 21

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At San Antonio, Texas
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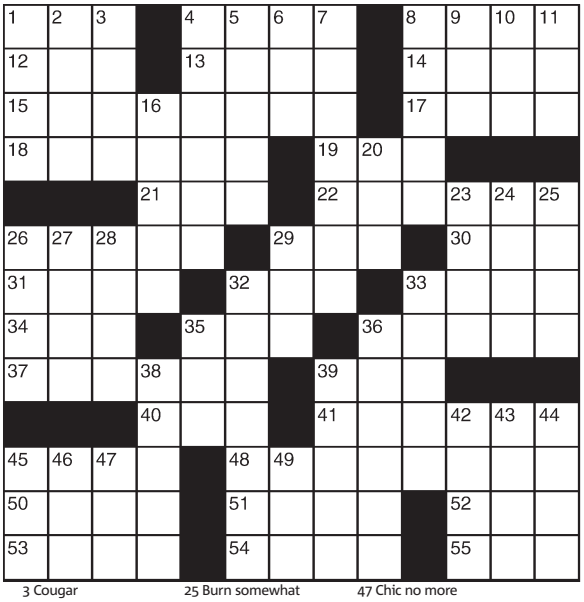

Across

1 Dandy
4 Thrash
8 Injury
12 Flightless bird
13 Wash
14 Diva's showstopper
15 Secular
17 Cincinnati team
18 Not digital
19 Mimic
21 Hubbub
22 Entices
26 Suburban sprawls
29 Leprechauns' dance
30 Storm center
31 Rue the run
32 Vehicle with sliding doors
33 One of the Three Bears
34 "No seats" sign
35 Mediterranean fruit tree
36 Mathematician Leonhard
37 "— fugit"
39 Mountain
40 "Entourage" role
41 Grape that's seen better days?
45 Walked (on)
48 Pattern
50 Tart
51 Bullring cheers
52 Mauna —
53 Sampras of tennis
54 Carousel, e.g.
55 Charlemagne, for ex.

Down

1 Crumbly cheese
2 Portent
3 Cougar
4 Deluges
5 Very slowly, in music
6 Eggs
7 Glutinous matter
8 Sultan's wives
9 Exist
10 Disencumber
11 More (Sp.)
16 Wood-smoothing tool
20 "Married ... With Children" mom
23 Ring out
24 Work at the key-board
25 Burn somewhat
26 Ultimate
27 Farm fraction
28 Part of TWIMC
29 Binge
32 Guest
33 Student
35 PETA no-no
36 Pass by
38 Chaplain
39 Ready for battle
42 Benefit
43 Twosome, to TMZ
44 Tide variety
45 Recipe meas.
46 Shad product
47 Chic no more
49 Yale grad

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	A	L	M	■	B	A	L	M	■	P	A	S
O	B	E	Y	■	I	L	I	A	■	A	R	C
N	E	W	S	P	A	P	E	R	■	P	E	A
E	L	D	E	R	S	■	■	G	L	E	A	M
■	■	■	L	O	■	B	L	E	A	R	■	■
M	I	F	F	■	M	O	O	■	S	H	E	D
P	O	L	■	■	E	B	B	■	■	A	V	E
G	U	Y	S	■	A	B	E	■	S	T	E	W
■	■	■	P	A	S	T	Y	■	A	H	■	■
S	H	A	M	U	■	■	F	I	A	S	C	O
H	A	P	■	P	A	P	E	R	M	O	O	N
O	R	E	■	E	L	A	N	■	A	L	O	U
P	E	R	■	R	E	N	D	■	N	E	S	S

Sudoku

	7	2	5		4			8
		6	7	2	1			
	5		8					
		3				5	4	2
6	8	1				7		
					2		1	
			3	5	6	4		
2			1		9	3	6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	2	6	8	5	1	9	7	3
9	7	8	3	2	4	1	6	5
5	3	1	9	7	6	4	8	2
1	9	7	2	6	8	5	3	4
3	8	2	4	9	5	6	1	7
6	5	4	1	3	7	8	2	9
2	6	9	5	1	3	7	4	8
7	4	3	6	8	9	2	5	1
8	1	5	7	4	2	3	9	6

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*Babylove, today doesn't hold any particular significance for us...but I thought I'd let you know that everyday is a special occasion as long as your mine! *Kiss* Yours, as always.* **MATT**

dear Julia, you are the love of my life , i love you with all my heart and soul, i know i have being a fool i hope u can find it in your heart to forgive me . i want to spend the rest of my life with you **BOULIE**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min 3°	Min -6°	Min -14°
Max 7°	Max -3°	Max -4°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Not everything in life can be explained logically and what happens today will most likely make you question a belief you have always taken for granted. That's good: it's limiting to think you know it all.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The more others complain about what you are doing, the more you will keep on doing it. You would think by now they might have worked out that the one thing you don't say to Taurus is "cannot".

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You like surprises, especially when you're the one calling the shots, and what you do over the next 24 hours is clearly designed to amaze others.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 These may be anxious times for you, but if you stand back from your life and see it as a whole, rather than just focus on individual things that are going wrong, you will see that you are still making progress.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Because you like to make up your mind quickly, it annoys you when others dither over what should be a simple decision. Today, you'll be the one who keeps everyone else waiting.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Approach a chore you have to do with energy. Not only will you make a good job of it, which will do your reputation no harm at all, but you may discover a hidden talent.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Not everything will work out the way you expect it to today but, it won't worry you in the slightest. You'll just get on and do something else.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Certain people may be leaving out facts and figures that could affect the decisions you make today, so be sure you know what is going on before putting pen to paper. Listen to your Scorpio intuition.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Forget about trivial matters and focus only on the big issues today. Socially, this should be a day to remember but you'll enjoy it more if you avoid people whose interests are superficial.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Partners and colleagues will be touchy over the next 24 hours, so watch what you say. Fortunately, as Venus moves into your birth sign today you'll want to create harmony.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The Sun's union with Mars in your sign will give you energy today. You won't be short of things to expend it on, either. Others will come to you for advice and assistance and you'll go out of your way to help.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Keep your innermost secrets to yourself today, no matter how tempted you may be to let a friend or family member in on what you've been up to.

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